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27 April 1965UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

TASK TEAM VII - ANALYST COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes of the First Meeting, 6 April 1965Members or Their Representatives Present

25X1 STATE - Mr. A. Sidney Buford, III, Chairman
CIA -
DIA -
NAVY - Mr. William B. Cubby
Mr. Donald Gorham
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Others Present

None

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order, commented briefly as to his understanding of the origins of this CODIB Team and of the general nature of the problem to be attacked. He then called for any comments that might add further precision or enlightenment as to the problem the Team was to address.

2. In the ensuing discussion, several points arose. One was the balance of attention to be devoted to positive intelligence aspects versus counter-intelligence aspects. A consensus was quickly reached that the initial effort should be confined to the positive intelligence aspects. Based on that experience, the Team could later determine whether it might usefully broaden its examination to include selected counter-intelligence aspects. Mr. Gorham commented that his sole purpose at this meeting was to see if his component or area needed to be represented at this time on the Team. He agreed that concentrating on positive aspects was probably the better part of valor, and he asked to be excused since he had accomplished his mission. Further discussion of the area of Team responsibility and its related organizational coverage developed the agreement that the three major organizations concerned with communications among substantive analysts were CIA, DIA and State. It was further agreed

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that the three representatives present from these organizations should constitute the core of the Team, with requests for assistance in detail or research being passed by these three to appropriate components in each organization. Mr. Cubby agreed to this and indicated that his position was similar to that of Mr. Gorham. For that reason, he requested that such future requests involving the Navy be addressed to ONI to assure proper and useful participation as needed.

3. Attention then turned to ways and means for delineating the area of initial Team attention to some roughly manageable portion of the total problem of analyst communications. [] suggested concentrating initially upon the Office of Basic Intelligence Program as a known, established positive intelligence activity. All agreed that this had certain advantages, but it foundered on the prospect that OBI would immediately involve areas outside the Intelligence Community. From the ensuing discussion arose a suggestion by [] that a geographic area, such as Latin America, the Near East, or Africa, might be a useful first approach for the Team. This type of approach received general approval as at least one of the avenues that the Team should explore during the experimental stage of its effort. 25X1

4. The Team examined the DRAFT Terms of Reference, which had been noted by CODIB at its last meeting, and approved them without change. There was general comment that the very nature of the problem and the language necessary to describe it provided ample latitude for the Team to operate.

5. The Chairman indicated that the next step was for the Team-approved Terms to be submitted to CODIB for review at its next meeting. He asked that each member continue the tentative thinking stimulated at this meeting and to undertake what preliminary preparations appeared appropriate, pending formal approval of the Terms by CODIB. The next Team meeting will be scheduled by the Chairman after CODIB action on the Terms. 25X1

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Secretary JF